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SUBJECT: ROC FOREIGN TRADE SHOWS CONTINUED GROWTH

1. ROC'S FOREIGN TRADE (CUSTOMS FIGURES) INCREASED IN APRIL-JUNE 1976 BY 11.3 PERCENT OVER PREVIOUS QUARTER, MARKING FIFTH CONSECUTIVE QUARTER IN WHICH TRADE HAS SHOWN SUBSTANTIAL GROWTH. FIGURES FOR FIRST TWO QUARTERS OF 1976 ARE AS FOLLOWS (IN THOUSAND US DOLLARS):

	TOTAL TRADE	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	BALANCE
JAN-MAR	3,379.9	1,726.9	1,653.0	73.9
APR-JUNE	3,762.8	1,907.3	1,855.5	51.8
TOTAL	7,142.7	3,634.2	3,508.5	125.7

2. BY COMPARISON WITH FIRST HALF OF 1975, FOREGOING FIGURES REPRESENT INCREASES OF 33.5 PERCENT IN IMPORTS AND 49.4 PERCENT IN EXPORTS. OVERALL SURPLUS OF 125.7 MILLION DOLLARS COMPARES WITH DEFICIT OF 195.6 MILLION DOLLARS IN JANUARY-JUNE 1975.

3. ROC/US BILATERAL TRADE DURING JAN-JUNE 1976 WAS HIGHLY FAVORABLE TO ROC. EXPORTS TO U.S. WERE 1,341.7 MILLION DOLLARS AND IMPORTS ONLY 841.1 MILLION, YIELDING UNCLASSIFIED

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SURPLUS TO ROC OF 500.6 MILLION. ROC/JAPAN TRADE, BY

CONTRAST, RESULTED IN ROC DEFICIT OF 692.4 MILLION
(IMPORTS 1,182.7; EXPORTS 490.3 MILLION).
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